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SUBJ: CODEL PRICE VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

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1. SAUDI OFFICIALS NORMALLY ONLY CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS
24-48 HOURS IN ADVANCE. THUS, FOLLOWING RIYADH SCHEDULE
IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BUT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF TYPE OF
PROGRAM WE EXPECT TO OFFER CODEL:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12:

1140 ARRIVE RIYADH (UNDERSTAND CODEL WILL HAVE LUNCH
ON PLANE EN ROUTE)

1200-1300 BRIEFING OF CODEL BY AMBASSADOR JAMES E. AKINS,
FOLLOWED BY OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF POL-
ITICAL SITUATION AND ENERGY MATTERS.

1300 BRIEFING BY U.S. MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES ON
U.S. MILITARY TRAINING MISSION (USMTM) (40 MIN-
UTES), U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (20 MIN-
UTES), AND SAUDI ARABAIN NATIONAL GUARD MODERN-
IZATION PROGRAM (10 MINUTES).

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1420 DEPART USMTM FOR HOTEL; REST TILL 1600.

1600-1800 OPPORTUNITY FOR SHOPPING IN LOCAL MARKET.
1830-2000 RECEPTION AT USMTM FOR HEADS OF AMERICAN COMPANIES RESIDENT IN RIYADH.
2000 DINNER AT USMTM MESS HALL.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

0800 BREAKFAST AT HOTEL.
0845 DEPART FOR FIRST MEETING.
0900-1200 CALLS ON HIS ROYAL MAJESTY KING FAISAL; MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION PRINCE SULTAN BIN ABD AL-AZIZ AL-SAUD; AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING HISHAM NAZER. ONLY THE CONGRESSMEN AND COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBERS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE AUDIENCE WITH KING FAISAL. ESCORTS MAY, HOWEVER, ATTEND OTHER MEETINGS.
1200-1315 VISIT TO LOCAL POINT OF INTEREST.
1330 LUNCH AT HOTEL, FOLLOWED BY REST PERIOD.
1600 AUTOMOBILE TOUR OF RIYADH; SECOND SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY IF DESIRED.
1900 DINNER HOSTED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE PRINCE SULTAN BIN ABD AL-AZIZ.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

0800 BREAKFAST AT HOTEL.
0845 BAGGAGE PICK-UP.
0920 DEPART HOTEL FOR AIRPORT
1000 TAKE-OFF.

(NOTE: SINCE FRIDAY IS THE MUSLIM SABBATH, ALL OFFICES AND BUSINESSES ARE CLOSED. IF CODEL DESIRES AN EARLIER ARRIVAL IN CAIRO, RIYADH DEPARTURE COULD EASILY BE ADVANCED.

2. BOTH STATE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS AND SCARCITY OF FUNDS PREVENT EMBASSY FROM USING REPRESENTATION FUNDS FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF AMERICAN GROUPS. RECEPTION FOR AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN EVENING OF FEBRUARY 12 IS INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE ON ASSUMPTION THAT CODEL COULD COVER COST OF THIS FUNCTION (ESTIMATED \$200) FROM PER DIEM OR OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUNDS. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS FUNCTION SHOULD BE VIEWED AS INFORMATION-GATHERING RATHER THAN SOCIAL FUNCTION AND FEELS THAT CODEL WOULD FIND MOST VALUABLE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND OPERATING CONDITIONS IN SAUDI ARABIA. GUESTS WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF FIRMS ENGAGED IN DEFENSE-RELATED WORK.

3. APPRECIATE NAMES OF MEMBERS AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

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